

Presenter and Panelist Bios



Liddie Shropshire is the director of the N.C. Department of Public Safety's Office of Victim Services and brings more than 27 years of professional experience within North Carolina state government to this leadership role. Victim Services is comprised of four programs: Victim Compensation Program, Rape Victim Assistance Program, Victim Services for Prisons, Probation, and Parole and the NC Statewide Automated Victim Notification Program (NC SAVAN). In addition to oversight of these 4 critical areas, Shropshire directly manages the Victim Compensation Program, which is the statewide program that reimburses citizens and victims who incur medical expenses and lost wages resulting from being an innocent victim of a violent crime committed in North Carolina. Shropshire also manages the Rape Victims Assistance Program.



LaTonya Albright is the Assistant Director of the Office of Victim Services and provides more than 21 years of professional experience with the Department of Public Safety. Albright has held several positions throughout her career from Correctional Officer, Case Manager, Program Supervisor, Staff Development Specialist, and Associate Warden at Granville Correctional Institution. Albright earned her associate degree in criminal justice from Forsyth Technical Community College, a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from Winston Salem State University, and a master's degree in adult education from NC A&T State University. Albright uses experiences from her career working with incarcerated offenders, victims and their families to educate, empower and elevate others to find the internal change they desire in their lives.



Kim Banko began her professional career with the Department of Correction's Division of Prisons in 1995 and has more than 27 years of experience in public service. Banko joined the Office of Citizen Services when that section was formed in 1998 and was one of the first state employees to work directly with crime victims and offender families in this new role. Banko moved into the role of training coordinator for Victims Services and obtained her NC General Instructor Certificate. Banko developed this training curriculum and has trained countless Department of Public Safety staff members and external stakeholders statewide about the role of Victim Services. Banko became the Administrator for the NC Statewide Automated Victim Assistance and Notification program in 2017, where she provides day-to-day management and oversight and continues to train criminal justice agencies throughout the state on the North Carolina Crime Victims' Rights Act and all things related to the Office of Victim Services.

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Shelby Howerton began her career in public service with the NC Department of Public Safety in 1997 and provides more than 25 years of experience. Early on, Howerton held several positions in the DPS Combined Records Section providing security and oversight for all North Carolina offender records. Throughout her time in Combined Records, Howerton also provided oversight for the processing of court judgment and commitments including resentences, jail credits, Court of Appeals opinions impacting inmate sentences and calculations, amendments, corrections, modifications, detainers, inmate release instructions to DPS staff and victim notification records. Howerton served as the project lead on major project initiatives to restore, merge and integrate offender data into the statewide offender database. Since 2012, Howerton has served as the Victim Technology Support Analyst for the Office of Victim Services, where she addresses data and technical issues within the offender database to improve the efficiency of crime victim notifications.



Rhonda Weaver graduated from UNCW with a degree in Psychology and began her professional career as a Quality Assurance Manager for Evergreen Behavioral Management, an organization that provides critical services to individuals with mental health disabilities. In 2003, Weaver joined Southeastern Regional Mental Health Center as a Compliance Specialist. In 2007 Weaver joined the Office of Victim Services, accepting the position as Claims Examiner for the Rape Victim Assistance Program. She was promoted in 2016 to Claims Investigator. She provides more than 15 years of experience to the Victim Services mission.



Humphrey Truitt began his professional career in 1998, serving the citizens of North Carolina in various criminal justice roles. Truitt then joined the Department of Public Safety as a Staff Development Specialist for the Office of Victim Services. In this role, Truitt conducts outreach efforts, teaches and implements internal and external training opportunities for staff members within the agency. Truitt earned his Master of Science Degree from North Carolina Central University and has obtained many certifications, including North Carolina Criminal Justice General Instructor, Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate and crisis intervention team member. Truitt also serves as an adjunct instructor.